



# NEWSLETTER

## Weekly Careers News for Victoria

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## This Week's Events

### Discover the Bachelor of Information Technology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 16, 2026

Join us online to discover the Bachelor of Information Technology.

This engaging webinar is designed for future students considering an IT degree. Hear directly from the Course Director as they unpack key study areas, career pathways, and the skills you'll gain throughout the degree.

You'll also meet a current IT student, who will share their experiences, tips for success, and what it's really like to study IT at Monash. Whether you're passionate about coding, problem-solving or shaping future technologies, this session will help you decide if the Bachelor of Information Technology is right for you.

[Find out more](#)

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### UCAT and Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Webinar

**Organisation:** National Institute of Education

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 17, 2026

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

The session is packed with loads of valuable information during which we will be covering the following topics and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now
- The undergraduate selection criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about gap years
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q&A

[Find out more](#)

### UQ Medicine Information Evening, Online

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 18, 2026

Attend our information session to learn about studying medicine at The University of Queensland (UQ).

Hear from UQ Medical School staff, UQ alumni and current students on the changing medical

climate, how to apply for medicine at UQ, and tips for success.

What's involved:

- Learn about admission requirements and how to apply for the Doctor of Medicine (MD).
- Gain insight into UQ's MD program structure, clinical placements, learning experiences and student support.
- Explore entry pathways, including partnerships with CQUniversity and UniSQ.
- Hear from UQ Medical School academics about UQ's new medical pathway.
- Hear insights from recent graduates and current students.
- Participate in an interactive Q&A with alumni and current students.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover the Bachelor of Computer Science at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 18, 2026

Join us online to discover the Bachelor of Computer Science.

This engaging webinar is designed for future students. Hear directly from the Course Director as they unpack key study areas, specialisations, and the technical skills you'll develop throughout the degree. You'll also hear from a current Computer Science student, who will share their experiences, tips for success, and what it's really like to study computing at Monash.

Whether you're passionate about algorithms, AI, data, or building innovative software, this session will help you decide if the Bachelor of Computer Science is right for you.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Criminology and Policing at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** March 18, 2026

Join us for an engaging information session designed for prospective students interested in the Bachelor of Criminology and the Bachelor of Criminology and Policing.

This event provides an opportunity to hear directly from our academic experts about the course structure, key learning areas, and the wide range of career pathways available in the criminology and policing fields. Current students will share their personal experiences, insights, and what they enjoy most about studying at Monash. You will also hear from alumni who will discuss the valuable skills they developed throughout the degree and how these have supported their transition into the professional world.

This session is ideal for anyone considering a future in criminology or policing.

## Discover the Bachelor of Arts at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** March 19, 2026

Discover the endless possibilities with a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University. Join us for an engaging information session where you'll hear directly from our leading academics about the diverse majors and exciting career pathways available through Arts.

Gain valuable insights from current students who will share their study experiences and tips for success, and be inspired by alumni stories highlighting how a Monash Arts degree can lead to a rewarding global career. Whether you're passionate about media, international relations, psychology, or languages, this session will help you explore how Arts at Monash can shape your future. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, ask questions, and plan your next steps

toward university life.

[Find out more](#)

## UniMelb Hansen Scholarship Program Information Session, Online

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 19, 2026

Talented year 12 students, parents, careers practitioners, and other support people are invited to join us for an information evening to learn more about the University's most generous undergraduate scholarship: the [Hansen Scholarship](#).

As a Hansen Scholar, you'll join a program that nurtures potential and provides a place where your ambition can grow, offering you access to a high-quality university education that might otherwise feel out of reach. Valued at up to \$108,000, this scholarship offers a fully funded place to call home at Little Hall for three years. Alongside the close-knit residential community, tailored mentoring, extracurricular activities and focused financial support will set you up for success.

In this one-hour session, we'll cover:

- Benefits of the program including the fully-funded offerings of Little Hall
- Eligibility and selection criteria
- Timelines and the application process
- Tips and advice on submitting a competitive application

You'll hear from a current Hansen Scholar who will share their experiences about the program and be available to answer your questions. A recording of the session will be made available for registrants who can not tune in on the night.

[Find out more](#)

## Victorian Careers & Employment Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Kym Jones Exhibitions

**Location:** Melbourne Showgrounds

**Date:** March 19 to March 21, 2026

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo is open from March 19 to 21, 2026 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses, and workers seeking new opportunities.

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 130 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training and apprenticeships
- Experience the free career seminars
- Enjoy the "Try a Skill" Zones

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

[Find out more](#)

## RMIT AI & Social Justice Collider

**Organisation:** RMIT University

**Location:** RMIT University, City Campus

**Date:** March 20, 2026

An interactive workshop with industry, academics, students and alumni exploring the ethical complexities of AI adoption.

AI will change everything we know about our lives, for better and worse.

This technology erodes expertise, short-circuits decision-making, and isolates people from one another. It destroys institutions and accelerates the tipping of already fragile ecological balances. It creates a divide between adopters and non-adopters in ways from which we may never fully recover. And yet, it is the most exciting and promising technology of our age, offering possibilities for solving human-made problems we haven't even imagined.

Is it possible to have it all?

Through three provocative lightning talks and facilitated table discussions, we'll explore this question and design an AI Manifesto for the Regenerative Futures Institute.

[Find out more](#)

## University of Melbourne Girls' Programming Network Term 1 for Students in Year 8+

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne

**Location:** OLD ENGINEERING SCHOOL (BUILDING 173) at the University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

**Date:** March 21, 2026

This workshop is for high school students (**Year 8 onwards**). In this workshop we'll be looking at Markov chains, which are a great introduction to Artificial Intelligence! We'll make a program that can create new sentences based on books, song lyrics or anything you want! This project is very similar to the programming in your phone that tries to suggest the next word you want to write in your text messages, and can be used for all kinds of fun things like writing the next Taylor Swift song or the long awaited "Green Eggs and Ham" sequel!

### **PRICE**

This event is totally free! We're providing a day of coding, snacks, and fun for everyone. If you can't make it after registering, **please cancel your ticket**. We have a long waiting list, and it's super important that you let us know if you can't attend.

### **LOCATION**

GPN is going down at the OLD ENGINEERING SCHOOL (BUILDING 173) at the University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus. To find the building, just enter the campus at Grattan Street, Gate 10 and go past Infrastructure Engineering (Block B), turn right and walk towards the Old Engineering School.

### **CATERING**

We'll be serving up some delicious pizza for lunch, along with fruit, chocolate, and lollies to keep you going throughout the day. We can accommodate vegetarians as well as lactose and gluten intolerances. If you have any other dietary needs, you'll need to bring your own food. Make sure to pack a lunch that doesn't need to be refrigerated.

Remember to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated - water taps are available around the building.

### **What do you need to bring to the workshop?**

Just bring yourself!

You **don't** need to bring a printed ticket, or a tablet/laptop or any other device with you on the day of the event. Simply come along ready to learn lots and have fun while coding some cool stuff!

A UniMelb account is required to register for this event.

After clicking the 'Register now' button you'll have the option to log in or create a new account.

[Find out more](#)

## A Place for Everyone: A Beginner's Guide to Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 21, 2026

This session is an introduction to the screen industry and crew careers. Crew and Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen. Join us for a fun and informative session to learn more about upcoming roles within crew.

[Find out more](#)

## Next Week's Events

### Your ANU Direct Entry Guide – Webinar for Victorian Students

**Organisation:** Australian National University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 23, 2026

If you're completing Year 12 in Victoria, this webinar will guide you in applying to the Australian National University via the ANU Direct Entry scheme.

We'll explain how the Direct Entry process works for Victorian students, including key dates, eligibility requirements and how early offers are assessed using Year 11 (or equivalent) results. You'll also learn the benefits of applying directly to ANU and what to expect after submitting your application.

[Find out more](#)

### Griffith Pathways to Medicine Information Session, Online

**Organisation:** Griffith University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 24, 2026

Embark on your journey to a rewarding medical career at Griffith University with our Pathways to Medicine online information session.

Get clear, first-hand advice from Griffith admissions experts, medical teaching staff, and current students who have successfully navigated the same pathways - helping you understand your options and apply with confidence.

Discover all you need to know about studying medicine at Griffith, from choosing the right undergraduate degree to understanding admissions processes and pathway options.

Why attend?

- Explore the different pathways into Griffith's Doctor of Medicine
- Learn which undergraduate degrees can lead to medicine
- Understand how GUMSAA and GEMSAS are used in the selection process
- Get guidance on the Rural Priority Access Scheme
- Hear real experiences and tips from current Griffith medical students
- Ask your questions during a live Q&A session

[Find out more](#)

### Discover Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 26, 2026

Discover your options in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science in this online session. We'll discuss courses, careers, and what it's like to be a part of the Parkville Campus community. We have identified some of the most commonly asked questions and invited students to address them and share their study experiences and advice with you.

[Find out more](#)

## RMIT Trades Experience

**Organisation:** RMIT University

**Location:** RMIT University, Bundoora Campus

**Date:** March 26, 2026

Join us at RMIT's Trades Experience to take the first step towards a career in trades.

At our Trades Innovation Centre, you'll experience four interactive stations where you'll rotate through four hands-on stations led by RMIT teachers and students. The Trades Innovation Centre is where students learn to use industry-standard equipment in cutting-edge facilities, experience teaching simulations and develop the practical skills they need for their future trade. You'll have the chance to chat to folks from all over RMIT who specialise in application support, apprenticeship support, women in STEM and pathways.

The RMIT Skills & Jobs Centre will also be available for one-on-one chats and can give you expert guidance on how you can reach your career goals.

[Find out more](#)

## William Angliss Institute Discovery Day 2026, Melbourne

**Organisation:** William Angliss Institute

**Location:** William Angliss Institute, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** March 26, 2026

Join us for Discovery Day and explore our state-of-the-art facilities, meet our expert academics and industry trainers, and learn more about our diverse range of courses – from Certificates to Postgraduate degrees – in the specialist areas of Foods, Tourism, Hospitality, and Events.

What you learn:

- Access detailed course information
- Engage directly with Angliss staff and students and have your questions answered
- Experience our vibrant inner-city campus and facilities
- Explore career and education pathways from short course, certificates, diplomas, degrees and post graduate courses across Foods, Tourism, Hospitality, and Events

[Find out more](#)

## CSU Making It In Media Workshop for Year 9-12 Students, Bathurst

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

**Date:** March 27, 2026

Are you passionate about content creation, journalism, advertising or public relations?

If you're a student in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12, join us for our free Making it in Media workshop!

Ever wondered what it's really like to host a podcast, write newsworthy articles or work in TV? In this exciting full-day workshop, you'll dive deep into the dynamic worlds of design and content creation, journalism and strategic communication.

This interactive, hands-on experience invites you to collaborate with other students and explore the diverse majors on offer when you study with Charles Sturt.

### What to expect

Hear from our course director, leading academics and alumni and get your questions answered. Step into our brand-new TV studio and creative hub.

Get a taste of what it's really like to work in media.  
Take part in practical and fun workshop sessions.

[Find out more](#)

## Future Events

### Victoria Police: Become a Police Custody Officer – Online Webinar

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 30, 2026

Victoria Police is hosting an online information session for members of the community who are interested in a career as a Police Custody Officer.

Hear from us about the recruitment process and training at the Police Academy. It's also your opportunity to ask questions you have about a PCO career pathway.

[Find out more](#)

### Monash Information Evening – Warrnambool

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool

**Date:** March 31, 2026

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
- undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
- international opportunities, including study abroad and overseas tours
- how to apply – everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more](#)

### Provocations: What Will We Eat in the Future? – RMIT Talks and Ideas Series

**Organisation:** RMIT University

**Location:** RMIT Storey Hall

**Date:** April 1, 2026

As climate change, population growth, and ecological collapse reshape how we produce and consume food, we need to think outside the (lunch) box to find solutions.

Join Bruce Pascoe and our panel of food systems, waste, packaging experts and inventive cooks explore what we'll be eating in the future, and how food security, food sovereignty, nutrition and wellbeing are interconnected and dependent.

How can we eliminate food waste, recycle and extend food life, and secure food systems in the face of the climate emergency, a plastics dependence, and a tumultuous water-energy-food nexus? What does the future of food taste and smell like and who gets to decide what's put on our plates?

Learn what's simmering in food science, what's sizzling in food and packaging innovation, and rethink the main course on dinner plates of the future.

This event is part of Provocations - RMIT University's Talks and Ideas series.

[Find out more](#)

### Monash Peninsula Campus Tour

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Peninsula Campus

**Date:** April 9, 2026

Join us for a 75-minute campus tour and discover all that Monash has to offer! Led by our friendly student ambassadors, you'll explore the outdoor spaces of our world-class campuses, learn about student life, and have the chance to ask questions about studying at Monash.

[Find out more](#)

### Monash Clayton Campus Tours

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** April 9 to April 10, 2026

Join us for a 90-minute campus tour and discover all that Monash has to offer! Led by our friendly student ambassadors, you'll explore the outdoor spaces of our world-class campus, learn about student life, and have the chance to ask questions about studying at Monash.

Tour options:

- Thursday 9 April, 10.00am - 11.30am
- Friday 10 April, 2.00pm - 3.30pm

[Find out more](#)

### Discover Business at Monash Clayton

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** April 9, 2026

Discover everything you need to know about undergraduate study options at Monash Business School!

This session will cover the range of single and double degrees available and provide an overview of all the student opportunities, including industry experience, international study programs, and graduate development initiatives. Hear from our staff and a current student about the future careers of business graduates, and where a Monash Business School degree can take you globally.

[Find out more](#)

### Monash Caulfield Campus Tour

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Caulfield Campus

**Date:** April 10, 2026

Join us for a 75-minute campus tour and discover all that Monash has to offer! Led by our friendly student ambassadors, you'll explore the outdoor spaces of our world-class campuses, learn about student life, and have the chance to ask questions about studying at Monash.

[Find out more](#)

### Deakin Campus Tours

**Organisation:** Deakin University

**Location:** Deakin University, Melbourne, Geelong & Warrnambool Campuses

**Date:** April 10 to April 15, 2026

Experience uni life at Deakin and imagine yourself thriving in a vibrant, supportive environment. Explore world-class facilities and collaborative learning spaces. Discover student accommodation, with social areas to relax and connect. Meet current students and hear their stories. Get inspired and learn about courses and pathways at the information expo.

[Find out more](#)

### **Discover Business at Monash Caulfield**

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Caulfield Campus

**Date:** April 10, 2026

Discover everything you need to know about undergraduate study options at Monash Business School!

This session will cover the range of single and double degrees available and provide an overview of all the student opportunities, including industry experience, international study programs, and graduate development initiatives. Hear from our staff and a current student about the future careers of business graduates, and where a Monash Business School degree can take you globally.

[Find out more](#)

### **Discover ACU Ballarat: Teaching and Education**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus

**Date:** April 13, 2026

At ACU, our education degrees combine purpose, practical experience and innovation to prepare tomorrow's teachers.

Join us for our free Discover ACU Ballarat: Teaching and Education event, designed especially for Year 10 –12 students.

Take part in hands-on workshops, meet our education experts, talk to current students about their experience and find out how you can step into the classroom and make a difference in the lives of others.

[Find out more](#)

### **Discover ACU Ballarat: Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus

**Date:** April 13, 2026

Are you passionate about a career helping people participate in their daily life activities or in preventing and overcoming physical injuries?

Join us for our free Discover ACU Ballarat: Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy event, designed especially for Year 10–12 students.

Discover life as an ACU Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy student at our beautiful Ballarat campus - explore our state-of-the-art facilities, learn more about our courses and take part in a hands-on workshop with our friendly staff and current students.

[Find out more](#)

### **Discover ACU Ballarat: Teaching & Education for Year 10-12 students**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU Ballarat Campus

**Date:** April 13, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Ballarat: Teaching and Education event, designed especially

for Year 10 –12 students.

Take part in hands-on workshops, meet our education experts, talk to current students about their experience and find out how you can step into the classroom and make a difference in the lives of others.

Places are limited so be sure to register your attendance to guarantee a spot

[Find out more](#)

## **RMIT April School Holiday Campus Tours**

**Organisation:** RMIT University

**Location:** RMIT University, Bundoora, City & Brunswick Campuses

**Date:** April 13 to April 17, 2026

This is your chance to explore the RMIT campus of your choice and see how our cutting-edge facilities will help you develop job-ready skills. The tours are your chance to walk and talk with RMIT academics and/or student ambassadors .

The tours will run for a week during the April school holidays and will cover our three Melbourne campuses: our iconic Melbourne City campus, the state-of-the-art creative spaces at our Brunswick campus, and the high-tech marvels of the Bundoora campus. For those who are interested in seeing more, there will also be optional accommodation tours at the end of each session.

Before the tours, you'll sit through a presentation with our staff, curated based on the interest area session you have chosen. You will also have a chance to speak to staff and students about RMIT and our facilities, so bring your parents and friends along to get all your questions answered.

But that's not all – we will also be holding a raffle after each session. If you win you could score your choice of RMIT merch. To enter, all you need to do is attend one of the tours.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover Medicine at Monash**

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** April 14, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Medicine at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, placement opportunities and entry requirements.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover ACU Ballarat: Nursing and Paramedicine**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus

**Date:** April 17, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Ballarat: Nursing and Paramedicine event, designed especially for Year 10 –12 students.

Explore life as an ACU Ballarat student and participate in hands-on workshops led by our academic staff.

**Please note:** For prospective students interested in attending both the nursing and paramedicine workshops, please register for one workshop in the morning and the other in the afternoon. For prospective students interested in attending only one workshop, please register for your preferred time (either the morning or afternoon).

[Find out more](#)

## You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** April 18, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover the Bachelor of Digital Business at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** April 21, 2026

Explore cutting-edge subjects including digital technology and business, data analytics, digital communication, and artificial intelligence applications.

Learn how to solve real-world challenges through hands-on projects, global collaboration, and industry-connected opportunities. Build the skills and confidence to lead, innovate, and thrive in the digital economy.

[Find out more](#)

## ACAP Info Night, Melbourne

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP University College, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** April 23, 2026

Join us on campus and discover how ACAP can help you make a real difference in the lives of others.

Find out about our degrees in psychology, social work, counselling, criminology, coaching and law, as well as the career paths available to you.

ACAP's degrees of difference have been shaping futures for over four decades. As a global leader in the vast field of applied psychology, our professionally accredited qualifications contribute to societal well-being, embodying values of integrity, equity, and social justice.

Join our on-campus info night and discover our industry-driven programs, meet our industry experts and see how ACAP can help you achieve a career that'll make a real degree of difference.

[Find out more](#)

## SAE University College Info Night, Melbourne

**Organisation:** SAE University College

**Location:** SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** April 23, 2026

Just make the first move in your dream career – join us at your local SAE campus for Info Night!

This is your chance to get a feel for the vibe at an SAE campus. Explore our creative and technology courses, meet industry experts and chat to the campus teams about student life.

You can even take a tour of our facilities and check out some of the awesome student projects on display.

[Find out more](#)

## VCE and Careers Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Resources for Courses

**Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

**Date:** April 30 to May 2, 2026

The VCE and Careers Expo 2026 is Melbourne's biggest education and career event, for 34 years connecting over a million high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options.

The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and VCE seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Biomedical Science and Nutrition Science at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 5, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Biomedical Science or Nutrition Science at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, hands-on opportunities and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Nursing and Midwifery at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Nursing and Midwifery at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, placement opportunities and course outcomes. Our students and graduates will be online to provide insights into their own experiences as well.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

## University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP®) is an innovative five-year

degree jointly delivered by the University of Newcastle and University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District. Our students' graduate work-ready, with a key role shaping and improving future health care for individuals and communities.

We offer a range of pathway options to help you apply to study within The JMP®. Join us for the Joint Medical Program Info Session Webinar to find out more about these pathways, including Rural and Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Miroma Bunbilla Program and Excellence through Equity Pathway to Medicine (ETE), as well as an overview of the program, admission criteria, study locations and best of all, first-hand experience from current students and academics who teach into the program.

[Find out more](#)

## Provocations: Is It Too Late to Save the Internet? – RMIT Talks and Ideas Series

**Organisation:** RMIT University

**Location:** The Capitol, Melbourne

**Date:** May 6, 2026

Hear from journalists, academics, experts and comedians as they shine a light on the online corners of creativity and community, the legal and technical protections that can keep us safe, and the technological advances – from AI to encryption – that can improve our lives, if only we can harness them.

Expect a speed round of sharp insights and practical ideas from each speaker, followed by a wide ranging and candid panel discussion.

Reboot, reclaim and perhaps even restore your faith in the internet.

This event is part of Provocations - RMIT University's Talks and Ideas series.

[Find out more](#)

## BiG Day In, Melbourne

**Organisation:** ACS Foundation

**Location:** The Capitol, RMIT University

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Join us for the 2026 BiG Day In Melbourne @ RMIT The Capitol on Thursday 7 May to learn where a STEM career can take you. Hear from presenters from Westpac, Wisetech Global, Canstar, ADF Careers, TCS, and more to come.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Teachers and Educators

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

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## Discover Science at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Hear first-hand from our staff and current students about their experiences. Our courses offer choice, flexibility and depth across a huge range of science disciplines, which means you will graduate with a degree unique to you, tailored to your individual expertise, interests and career aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Fine Art, Curating, Design and Architecture at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 12, 2026

Join us online to discover what makes our bachelor courses in Fine Art, Curating, Design and Architecture distinct.

Learn about our curating degree, the mediums you can focus on as an artist, the flexibility of the design specialisations or simply how to become an architect. You can choose to undertake an internship or to consider travel opportunities to learn in a different context all while studying. This will give you all the essential aspects of our bachelor courses to help you plan for your creative future with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Health Sciences, Public Health and Psychology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 13, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Health Sciences, Public Health or Psychology at Monash. Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, hands-on opportunities and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover the Bachelor of Media Communication at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Caulfield Campus

**Date:** May 13, 2026

Dive into the dynamic world of media with Monash Arts' Bachelor of Media Communication! Join our information session to discover how this versatile degree prepares you for success in today's fast-changing media landscape.

Explore an engaging curriculum that blends creativity, strategy, and technology, and learn about the strong industry connections and hands-on experiences that make Monash graduates stand out. In our state-of-the-art Monash Media Lab, you'll hear directly from passionate faculty, current students, and accomplished alumni about their journeys.

Find out how you can gain real-world experience through internships and industry projects, and see how this degree equips you to make a meaningful impact in digital media, journalism, public relations, and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 13, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

## Victorian Careers Show 2026

**Organisation:** Resources for Courses

**Location:** Exhibition Pavilion, Melbourne Showgrounds

**Date:** May 13 to May 15, 2026

The Victorian Careers Show 2026 is teacher-founded and teacher-led, connecting VCE students, teachers, jobseekers and parents with Victoria's top universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers and career experts. It is designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options.

The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and VCE seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

## Monash Information Evening – Shepparton

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Parklake Hotel

**Date:** May 13, 2026

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
- undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
- international opportunities including study abroad and overseas tours
- how to apply – everything need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off campus.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 14, 2026

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online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

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## Monash Information Evening – Echuca

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Mercure Port of Echuca

**Date:** May 14, 2026

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- accommodation options, both on and off campus.

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## A Place for Everyone: A Beginner's Guide to Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 16, 2026

This session is an introduction to the screen industry and crew careers. Crew and Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen. Join us for a fun and informative session to learn more about upcoming roles within crew.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Engineering at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 18, 2026

Discover everything you need to know about studying Engineering at Monash. You'll have the opportunity to meet our inspiring academics, current students and alumni, hear about their experiences, and ask questions. Our engineering degrees offer an outstanding study experience, along with excellent opportunities to engage with industry and gain hands-on experience through our teams and clubs.

[Find out more](#)

## Monash Information Evening – Traralgon

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash Rural Health (Latrobe Regional Hospital)

**Date:** May 19, 2026

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- international opportunities, including study abroad and overseas tours
- how to apply – everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Paramedicine at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 20, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Paramedicine at Monash. Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, placement opportunities and course outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 20, 2026

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## Discover Radiography and Medical Imaging at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Radiography and Medical Imaging at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Teaching and Learning Design at Monash Peninsula

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Peninsula Campus

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Teachers play a critical role in helping children prepare for their future, equipping them with the skills they need to become successful members of society and the leaders of tomorrow. Learn all you need to know about our Bachelor of Education (Honours), education double-degrees and pathways to the Number 1 Faculty of Education in Australia.

We'll also introduce you to the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology, a course designed for those who want to create learning experiences beyond the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

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## Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo 2026, Bendigo

**Organisation:** Bendigo TAFE

**Location:** Bendigo Showgrounds

**Date:** May 21, 2026

We're thrilled to invite you to the 2026 Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo – now in its 8th year and set to be our biggest and most dynamic event yet!

In 2025, over 2,000 students and community members explored hands-on exhibits from TAFE and university providers, RTOs, local employers, industry groups, and support services. The energy was electric – and in 2026, we're taking it to the next level.

Why attend?

- Connect your students with real-world career and training pathways.
- Spark inspiration through direct engagement with industry and education leaders.
- Showcase your school's commitment to future-focused learning.

[Find out more](#)

## Year 10 Subject Choices with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Getting through the final school years with ADHD can be challenging — and choosing subjects that don't suit your strengths or learning style can make it even harder. This webinar is designed

to help parents of students with ADHD in Year 10 understand how to make subject selections that support motivation, confidence, and success.

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 26, 2026

Shape the future of learning with the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology.

Designed with industry leaders to ensure graduates are at the forefront of learning design, this course provides highly transferable skills including project management, leadership, critical thinking and data-driven decision-making.

Combine your love of creativity, technology and psychology to create experiences beyond the classroom whilst navigating new challenges and technologies, from artificial intelligence and simulations to corporate training and career development.

Discover the incredible reach of the learning design industry, potential pathways, career opportunities and how you can adapt the course to suit your own interests.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Speech Pathology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 26, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Speech Pathology at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Global Relations, Politics and Economics at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 28, 2026

Find out about the unique aspects of each degree and how they can shape your future:

- Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Discover how each degree offers a global perspective, designed to be both challenging and enriching. Hear from alumni, students and scholars who are addressing the major issues of today and tomorrow, who are making a positive impact worldwide.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Teaching and Learning Design at Monash Clayton

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 28, 2026

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## Trade and Tech Fit Career Expo 2026, Melbourne

**Organisation:** Victorian Government

**Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

**Date:** June 2 to June 3, 2026

Take the first step in helping your school's female and gender diverse students consider a whole new range of potential skills, pathways and careers with Trade and Tech Fit.

The expo creates a safe, inclusive and equitable space where female and gender diverse people are able to interact directly with tradespeople, apprentices and industry professionals.

The expo includes around 100 exhibitors from a huge range of traditionally male-dominated industries, including:

- Building, construction, manufacturing & engineering
- Refrigeration, electrical & plumbing
- Automotive, marine, aviation & aerospace
- Solar & wind clean energy
- Foundry and mining
- Transport and logistics
- Agriculture & horticulture
- Gaming, cloud & robotics
- Civil assets management & infrastructure
- Defence, essential services & fire protection

[Find out more](#)

## You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 20, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover ACU Melbourne: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** June 30, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine event, designed especially for Year 10–12 students.

Step into our ambulance simulator, nursing wards and maternity labs and work with our expert academics in an interactive workshop.

Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

## Scholarships

### UTS Bachelor of Accounting Co-op Program

**Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to AU\$18,000 per year

**Open Date:** April 8, 2026

**Close Date:** October 9, 2026

[Find out more](#)

### School Grants – National Science Week

**Organisation:** Australian Science Teachers Association

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** AU\$500

**Open Date:** August 15, 2026

**Close Date:** August 23, 2026

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### Young ICT Explorers Competition

**Organisation:** Young ICT Explorers

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

### The 2027 Simpson Prize Competition

**Organisation:** The Simpson Prize

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** November 4, 2026

[Find out more](#)

### Australian Informatics Olympiad

**Organisation:** Australian Mathematics Trust

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** August 21, 2026

[Find out more](#)

## Weekly Posts

### University

#### What to do in high school if you want to study medicine

Some of the most popular and visible careers throughout our childhood tend to be in health

related fields. We've all visited the doctor and dentist at some point - some of us may have even spent time in hospital, either as a patient or a visitor. And lots of people have relatives and friends who work as health professionals. So it's understandable why for many students, one of the most appealing and impactful fields to explore is medicine. The prospect of improving people's lives through healthcare is both inspiring and rewarding. However, the path to a career in medicine can be competitive and complex, requiring some careful planning and foresight.

### **Embracing the competitive nature of medicine**

Universities and medical schools around the world have rigorous selection processes, with limited spots available each year. Admission requirements typically include excellent academic performance, especially in science subjects, a passion for helping others, and extracurricular activities that demonstrate your dedication, leadership, and ability to work in a team.

In many countries, such as the US, Canada, the UK, and Australia, prospective medical students are often required to take entrance exams like the [UCAT](#) or [MCAT](#) in addition to achieving high results. Furthermore, medical schools often look for students with clinical experience, volunteer work, or other projects that show your commitment to the field.

Sounds tough, right? And it can be. But with some hard work and commitment to your dream, it's definitely achievable.

### **How to start preparing in high school**

University might still seem like it's ages away, but having a solid foundation of skills and experiences early can be incredibly helpful. Here are some things you can do right now to start planning for a future in medicine:

#### **Focus on your grades**

The foundation of your application will be your academic performance. High school subjects such as biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics are crucial for pursuing a career in medicine. Aim to push yourself in these areas and seek extra help if you need it, as they will not only help you meet prerequisites, but also prepare you for the rigorous coursework in medical school.

#### **Get involved in extracurricular activities**

Medical schools look for well-rounded students, not just those with book smarts. So in addition to your academics, it's essential to get involved in extracurricular activities that can set you apart from other applicants. Consider volunteering at hospitals, clinics, or local health organisations. These experiences will give you valuable insight into the medical field and help you develop the communication and interpersonal skills that are vital for a career in medicine.

#### **Prepare for the additional testing and interviews**

Many universities require standardised entrance exams or testing for medical school applicants, so start familiarising yourself with these exams early. Take practice tests, review study materials, and consider enrolling in prep courses to help you build the skills necessary to succeed. You could also start practicing for the interviews that are often part of the application process. By planning ahead, you can reduce stress and give yourself ample time to improve in areas where you may be weaker.

#### **Build strong relationships with mentors**

Throughout your high school years, it's important to build relationships with your careers advisors, counsellors, teachers, and (if possible) professionals in the medical field who can guide you in your journey. Their advice and insight could be invaluable in helping you through the admissions process, and may also be useful when it comes time to request letters of

recommendation.

### **Stay informed**

The medical field is always evolving, so it's important to stay informed about new developments, breakthroughs, and trends. Read books, journals, and news articles related to medicine, and try to attend events like health fairs or medical conferences to deepen your knowledge and network with professionals.

### **Gain relevant experience and insight**

One of the most valuable ways to strengthen your understanding of medicine is through direct exposure to healthcare environments and professionals. You don't have to wait until university. There are a number of ways you can build meaningful experience while still in high school or early in your university studies.

For example, you could explore placements in local clinics, general practices, or hospital departments where you can observe how healthcare teams work and interact with patients. These experiences help you see beyond textbooks and get a clearer picture of what day-to-day work in medicine really involves.

Community health events, volunteer roles in aged care or disability support, and even research programs can also deepen your insight. They help you develop communication and interpersonal skills that are highly valued in medical school applications and interviews. Taking a proactive approach not only strengthens your application but also helps you decide whether a medical career truly fits your interests and strengths.

For examples of medical work experience, [read this short article](#).

### **Have a back-up plan**

Because of the competitive nature of the field, there's always a possibility that you may not immediately gain acceptance into medical school. That's why it's important to have a back-up plan in place if you miss out on your first application, to ensure you stay motivated and have alternative pathways to a fulfilling career. Here are some options to consider:

#### **Alternative entry routes to medicine**

Some medical schools offer alternative entry programs for students who may not meet all of the standard requirements but show potential in other ways. These can include pathways like foundation years or preparatory courses. Research these options to see if they might give you a second chance to fulfill your dream of becoming a doctor or dentist.

#### **Other careers in healthcare**

Medicine isn't the only career in the healthcare field to consider. There are a multitude of other professions within the healthcare system that require similar skills and passion for helping others. Consider becoming a pharmacist, nurse, aged care worker, public health specialist, or medical researcher. All of these roles are crucial in healthcare, and some may even have different or more flexible entry routes. Then after a few years of experience, you could always apply for medicine with more experience and qualifications under your belt.

#### **Graduate programs**

If you don't gain admission into medical school right away, consider pursuing a related undergraduate degree (such as biomedical science or health science) and applying to medical school as a graduate. Many universities have graduate-entry programs that are only open to students who already have a bachelor's degree. The good news is there's no age limit on these degrees, so there's always going to be an opportunity if you change your mind later in life.

### **Explore other career paths**

After careful consideration and research, you might realise that healthcare may not be the right fit for you, so it's a good idea to have a secondary career path in mind. You could explore areas like psychology, social work, sport and fitness, or medical technology. These careers also offer opportunities to contribute meaningfully to your community.

### **Balancing your ambition**

Pursuing a career in medicine is a long, demanding journey that requires resilience, dedication, and a genuine passion for the field. While applications for medicine are competitive, it's also a field that rewards those who are willing to put in the planning and determination needed to succeed. Yes, the hard work begins now, but remember not to let it consume you and [keep some balance in your life](#) to enjoy your other interests and hobbies, and nurture your relationships and mental health.

Good luck on your journey to becoming a healthcare professional, and keep an eye out for the updated [Entry to Medicine Guide](#) with more information and details to help you prepare. [You can also explore more about your future study and work options on our website here.](#)

### **What is the UCAT and do you need it for university?**

UCAT ANZ stands for the University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand. It's an admissions test used by many universities when selecting students for medicine, dentistry, and some other clinical degrees.

Unlike school exams, the UCAT doesn't test knowledge from specific subjects. Instead, it focuses on skills that are important in healthcare professions, such as reasoning, decision making, and professional judgement.

Universities use UCAT results alongside other selection criteria such as your ATAR, subject prerequisites, and sometimes interviews. This helps them assess both academic ability and the personal qualities needed for careers in healthcare.

### **When do you take the UCAT?**

Students usually sit the UCAT in the same year they apply for university. For most people completing secondary school, that means taking the test during Year 12. You can only take the UCAT once in each test cycle. If you plan to apply again in a later year, you'll need to sit the test again as part of that application process. Because UCAT results are used for applications in the same year, it's important to understand the testing timeline and make sure you register and sit the exam during the correct period.

### **How the UCAT works**

The UCAT is taken on a computer at a authorised testing site - there are 32 of these across Australia and 6 in New Zealand. The test is made up of multiple-choice questions and takes just under two hours to complete. The exam is designed to assess how well you can analyse information, think critically, and make decisions under time pressure. Each section has a strict time limit and a variable number of questions going from 35-69.

The UCAT is divided into four sections, each assessing a different ability:

#### **Verbal reasoning**

This section focuses on reading and interpreting written information. You'll be given short passages and asked to answer questions based on what the text says. The aim is to assess how quickly and accurately you can understand written material. You might receive one of two question types:

- A question with four possible responses that requires you to select the best fit

- A true or false question

### **Decision making**

Decision making questions assess logical thinking and your ability to evaluate information before reaching a conclusion. You might be asked to interpret diagrams, identify patterns, or determine whether statements logically follow from the information provided. There are a number of question types, including:

- [Syllogisms](#)
- Logical puzzles
- Recognising assumptions
- Interpreting information
- Venn diagrams
- Probabilistic and statistical reasoning

### **Quantitative reasoning**

This section focuses on numerical problem solving. You'll analyse data presented in tables, charts, or graphs and answer questions based on the information provided. The maths involved is generally straightforward, but the challenge comes from interpreting the data quickly and accurately. You are allowed to use a calculator and a notebook to help.

### **Situational judgement**

Situational judgement questions present realistic scenarios that could occur in healthcare or professional environments. You're asked to evaluate possible responses and determine which actions would be most appropriate. Each scenario you are presented with has up to 6 questions associated with it.

### **How UCAT scores work**

The UCAT uses a scoring system that separates the reasoning sections from the situational judgement section.

Verbal reasoning, decision making, and quantitative reasoning are each scored on a scale from 300-900. These three scores are added together to produce a total score ranging from 900-2700.

Depending on where you live and take the test, the situational judgement section is reported differently: in [Australia and New Zealand](#) it is scored numerically from 300-900, whereas in the [UK](#) it is marked in four bands. For more detailed information, check the scoring specific to your country.

Another important detail is that there's no penalty for incorrect answers. Because of this, you're generally encouraged to attempt every question rather than leaving answers blank.

### **Why do universities use the UCAT?**

Studying medicine requires strong academic performance, but it also involves a range of other abilities. Healthcare professionals regularly interpret information, make decisions under pressure, and respond to complex situations involving other people.

The UCAT helps universities assess some of these abilities during the admissions process. By testing reasoning and judgement skills, the exam provides another way to evaluate applicants beyond school grades alone. For universities, the goal is to identify students who demonstrate both academic capability and the personal attributes needed to succeed in healthcare training and practice.

A number of universities have the UCAT as a requirement for being considered in their courses, but the way they are used varies. Some universities use them to shortlist candidates for

interviews, while others combine them with academic results when making final offers. Visit the [UCAT website](#) to check if your course requires it.

### **Key UCAT dates to know**

The UCAT runs on a yearly testing cycle with several important dates that students should be aware of in 2026:

- **Bookings open:** March 3rd
- **Concession applications close:** May 11th
- **Booking deadline:** May 15th
- **Late booking deadline:** May 29th
- **Testing window:** July 1st - August 5th
- **Results delivered to universities:** early September

### **What to do next if you're considering medicine**

If you're thinking about studying medicine or another clinical degree, there are a few steps you can take early to prepare.

Start by checking which universities require the UCAT as part of their admissions process. Each institution may also have its own subject prerequisites, ATAR expectations, and interview stages.

You might also want to familiarise yourself with the types of questions used in the UCAT.

Looking at practice questions can help you understand how the test works and what kinds of reasoning skills it assesses.

Finally, consider speaking with teachers, career advisors, or current university students who've been through the application process. They can often provide useful insight into preparing for both the UCAT and medical degree applications.

And if you want to learn more about university applications and degrees, [you can take a look at some of the other resources on our website here](#).

### **How universities respond to failing grades**

Heading to university is really exciting. It's a chance to gain specialised knowledge in a topic you're passionate about, meet new people, and start down the path to a future career. But unfortunately things don't always go as we plan. If you're thinking about applying to university, it's good to be aware of your options, even if you don't end up needing them. Read about what you can do if you're concerned about what happens if you start failing at university.

### **What are your options if you fail a subject?**

First of all, just breathe - failing an assignment, exam, or subject isn't the end of the world (even though it might feel like it). If you find yourself in this situation, here are some things you can or might need to do:

- Re-take the subject at a later date, if it's compulsory for your degree
- Take a different subject instead, if it's an elective
- Defer future subject enrolment, if the subject you fail is a prerequisite
- Complete a supplementary assignment or exam to receive a pass, if you're offered one

One important thing to keep in mind is that you will still need to pay any course fees for subjects you fail. And if you re-take the subject later, you'll have to pay the fee again.

### **What might happen if you fail?**

Failing a subject will typically be recorded in your academic transcript, and it can affect your overall grade point average (GPA). Universities also monitor overall academic progress, which

means your results are reviewed periodically.

Certain benefits like scholarships or other funding often require you to maintain a minimum GPA or grade throughout your degree, so failing can mean you're no longer eligible for support.

If you fail a subject more than once or fail multiple subjects in a semester, it's likely the university will contact you to see how you're doing and offer support. If you continue failing or don't make any attempt to improve, you might be put on academic probation and receive a formal warning. And if your performance doesn't improve after all this, you can be [excluded from study](#).

These rules vary between institutions, so it is important to check your university's academic progress policies or speak with a student support officer. Universities typically offer ways to appeal if you face probation or exclusion before any final decision occurs.

### **What if you're an international student?**

If you are studying in Australia on a student visa, there are additional factors to consider around failing subjects:

- Student visas require you to make "satisfactory academic progress" each study period. If you consistently fail and are not progressing, your university must report this to the Department of Home Affairs and trigger a review of your visa.
- Universities are also obligated to report changes to enrolment, such as exclusion or suspension, to the Department of Home Affairs. If you're not longer classed as a "student" but wish to stay in Australia, you will need to apply for a new visa.
- If failing a subject means your degree will take longer to complete, you may need to apply for a visa extension to cover your new finish date. Failing to maintain progress according to your course plan can affect your eligibility.

If you're worried about how failing might affect your visa, contact your university's international student support office and, if necessary, seek advice from the Department of Home Affairs or a migration advisor.

### **What to do if you're concerned about failing**

If you're worried about failing an assignment or subject at university, there are several things you can do, both before and after it happens. Let's take a look.

#### **Defer your starting date**

After 12 years of schooling, perhaps you need a break to renew your enthusiasm for learning. In this case, deferring may be an option for you. You can often defer from anywhere between a single semester up to the entire year.

There are very few universities that won't let you defer, but make sure you double check before you submit any applications. There are sometimes specific courses where you can't defer your enrolment, particularly ones that are in high demand or have limited spaces, such as medicine.

#### **Take a pause**

If you start your course and find that it's all becoming a bit too much, speak to your tutors, faculty, and admin staff about taking some time out. In many cases, you can put your studies on hold for a while and come back when you're feeling ready.

If you don't want to step away from study completely, you might also be able to look at changing to part-time enrolment and studying fewer subjects at a time.

#### **Ask for special consideration**

Universities often offer special consideration to students going through tough times beyond their control, such as disability, illness or injury, family bereavement, or natural disasters. In some cases, students with other important commitments (e.g. elite athletes and musicians, carers,

etc.) can also apply for special consideration.

If you are granted special consideration, the university can make arrangements to adjust your workload, assignments, and/or exams. The adjustments are usually unique to your case and are up to the discretion of the university.

### **Apply for an extension**

Have a big assignment deadline looming and know that you won't be able to complete the work in time, or not to the standard you'd like? Speak to your lecturer or tutor and see if you can negotiate an extension.

As long as you have a valid reason (for example, you've been sick, your employment hours have changed, or you had to take time out for a placement), they'll probably grant your request and give you some extra time to submit your work.

### **Consider changing courses**

It can be hard to know in high school if your chosen course will tick all your boxes. If you find you're not enjoying your course because it's too hard, different to what you expected, not engaging, or even because you changed your mind, your university can help you transfer to a different course.

The internal transfer process differs between each university, so we recommend you seek advice about the process from staff on site, including academic advisors, lecturers or tutors, and the student support department.

### **Find help**

If you're finding the transition to university difficult or you're struggling to understand the content one of your subjects, speak to your lecturers and/or tutors. They might be able to provide you with extra resources or materials or help clarify a concept you're unfamiliar with. Even if they can't help, they'll know where to direct you for support.

Most universities have a student support department you can engage with. They often hold information sessions and workshops for students on building study skills and adapting to university life, and can go through your options with you if you need extra support.

You might also like to form or join a study group and seek support from your peers - many of them are probably also going through the same thing, and it can help to brainstorm with other people.

### **Universities want to help you succeed**

Fails and drop outs aren't great business for universities - so it's in their best interests to do everything they can to help you pass your subjects and course, and ultimately graduate. So before you consider giving up and leaving, if you're really set on achieving your goal, rest assured there are lots of options for you to consider.

Plus, universities offer more than just academic support. They also have counselling and personal support services for students as well. The earlier you engage with these services, the more likely it is that they can help you succeed.

### **Re-framing failure**

We know that the feeling of failing an exam, assignment, or subject really sucks. And you've probably already heard time and time again about how failure is just a part of life...but that doesn't make it hurt any less.

What might make you feel a bit better is knowing that you're definitely not alone. [Around a quarter of all students who start a university degree never end up finishing](#) - and often this is due to [circumstances out of their control](#), such as a pandemic, health problems, or cost of living pressure.

It's also important to acknowledge that university just isn't for everyone. You're expected to do a lot of independent learning and research, and the marking criteria is much more strict than what you might be used to in school. If you find this style of learning doesn't really gel with you, that's totally OK too. Remember, there is often more than one way to get from A to B - and these days there are [more alternatives](#) to university than ever.

And yes, we know it's totally cliché, but sometimes failure is ultimately what leads to success. It might motivate you to try even harder or do something completely new. Some of the most successful people in the world are very well-versed with failure - James Dyson [built over 5,000 prototypes](#) of his cyclone vacuum cleaner before finally creating one that worked, all while he and his family struggled financially.

### **Find out more**

[We have lots of other blogs and advice on your future study options on our website here.](#)

## **Work Experience**

### **What is an internship and is it worth doing?**

An internship is a short-term work placement designed to help students or recent graduates gain experience in a particular industry. It gives you the chance to see what a job is really like while developing practical skills.

Internships are common in fields such as business, media, engineering, health, and technology, though they exist in many industries. They can take place during university, during semester breaks, or shortly after graduating.

Some internships are paid, while others may be unpaid or offer a small stipend. The structure can vary as well. Some are formal programs with set start and end dates, while others are more flexible arrangements with smaller organisations.

The key idea is that internships focus on learning and professional development while giving you exposure to a real workplace.

### **What do interns actually do?**

Internships are designed to give you hands-on experience, not just observation. While you may spend some time learning from others, most internships involve contributing to real work.

The tasks you complete will depend on the industry and the organisation. In many cases, interns help with projects, conduct research, assist with administrative tasks, or support team members with day-to-day work. You might also attend meetings, learn how specific tools or systems are used, or shadow experienced staff to see how decisions are made.

Early on, some tasks may seem simple. This is often part of learning how the organisation works. As you become more familiar with the role, you may be given more responsibility. A well-structured internship should give you insight into how work is actually done in that field.

### **Why do an internship?**

Many students choose to complete internships because they offer opportunities that can be difficult to gain in a classroom.

One of the main benefits is practical experience. Employers often value candidates who understand how workplaces operate and who have already developed basic professional skills. Internships can help you build experience in areas such as communication, teamwork, time management, and problem solving.

They can also help you explore career options. Sometimes a job sounds appealing in theory but feels very different in practice. Spending time in a real workplace can help you decide whether a

particular field suits your interests and strengths.

Another advantage is building professional connections. During an internship, you may meet people who can offer advice, mentorship, or even future job opportunities.

### **How to evaluate an internship**

Not every internship is equally valuable. To get the most out of the experience, look for roles that offer meaningful tasks, clearly defined responsibilities, and mentorship.

Consider how the role aligns with your personal goals. Will it teach you new skills, give you exposure to real projects, or expand your understanding of the industry? A supportive work environment is also a strong indicator that the organisation values its interns and invests in their development.

### **Timing your internship**

The timing of an internship can affect how much you gain from it. Many students pursue internships during university, particularly once they've developed a foundational understanding of their chosen field. Some programs are built into courses, while others can be scheduled during breaks.

Internships after graduation can also be valuable, providing practical experience that can make you more competitive when applying for full-time roles. The right timing depends on your personal schedule, study commitments, and career goals.

### **Making the most of an internship**

To truly benefit from an internship, approach it as a learning experience rather than just a temporary job. Take initiative, ask questions, and seek opportunities to observe and contribute meaningfully. Even small tasks can offer insight into professional processes and expectations.

[Learn more about internships and other ways to build experience for your career on our website here.](#)

## **Skills for Work**

### **The skills you could develop through gaming**

If you've ever been told to put down the controller and do something useful, it turns out you might already be doing something useful. The skills you build through gaming are genuinely valuable in a surprising range of careers. The trick is knowing which ones, and how to talk about them.

### **The skills you're already building**

Think about what actually happens when you play a complex game. You're reading a situation quickly, making decisions under pressure, managing resources, and often coordinating with a team. In a strategy game, you might be planning several moves ahead. In an open-world RPG, you're solving problems with limited tools and information.

These aren't just game skills. They're transferrable real-world skills, and many employers might recognise it.

Hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, sustained concentration, and the ability to learn complex systems quickly are all things that serious gamers develop naturally. It's a bit like how playing chess teaches strategic thinking, or how team sport builds communication. Gaming is a training ground. The question is what you're training for.

### **Careers that actually want gamers**

Some jobs have a surprisingly direct connection to gaming ability.

Remote equipment operators are one of the best examples. At [Evolution Mining's Cowal gold mine](#) in New South Wales, operators control heavy machinery from a remote operations centre. Using screens, cameras, and joystick-style controls that feel remarkably similar to a gaming setup. The focus, reaction time, and comfort with technology that gamers bring are a genuine advantage in roles like this.

Mining is just one industry using this kind of technology. Remote-operated vehicles are also used in oil and gas, construction, defence, and underwater exploration.

The military is another area where gaming skills translate directly. [Drone operators](#), for example, require many of the same abilities including precise control, spatial awareness, and the ability to stay focused under pressure for long periods.

The [Cybersecurity field](#) could suit gamers well too. The problem-solving mindset that helps you crack a puzzle in a game — breaking a challenge into parts, trying different approaches, staying persistent — is exactly what's needed when you're hunting for vulnerabilities in a system.

Other careers worth considering include [UX \(user experience\) design](#), simulation training, [air traffic control](#), surgical robotics, and data analysis. Even [esports management and broadcasting](#) have become legitimate career paths for people who understand gaming deeply.

### **How to talk about gaming on your resume**

Adding "I play a lot of video games" to your application, isn't going to get you a job. But the underlying skills could absolutely help.

The key is [translating your skills into what the employer needs](#). Think about what you actually do in games, not just what you played. Did you lead a team? That's leadership and communication. Did you build a base or manage resources in a strategy game? That's planning and analytical thinking. Did you train yourself to hit a high rank in a competitive game? That's goal-setting, self-discipline, and resilience.

You'll need to write it that way. Instead of "play online games," try something like: "Developed strong problem-solving and rapid decision-making skills through competitive gaming." Or: "Experienced in coordinating small teams to achieve shared goals in high-pressure, fast-paced environments."

You can also point to concrete achievements, from tournament results, a YouTube channel with a real audience, a game you built yourself, or a mod you created. These show initiative and skill in a way that's hard to argue with.

### **Manage your expectations**

Gaming skills could provide you with a genuine head start in certain careers, but they're rarely going to be enough on their own. An employer hiring a remote equipment operator still wants someone with the right safety training and certifications. A cybersecurity firm wants qualifications alongside that problem-solving mindset. The gaming background gets you interested and gives you a foundation; but it's the formal training that will get you the job. So don't sell yourself short, but over sell yourself or skip the study either.

### **Ready to explore where your skills could take you?**

We're not advocating spending 24/7 online, but the connection between gaming and real careers is genuinely exciting, and it's only growing as more industries adopt remote technology and simulation-based work. The best move you can make right now is to start thinking about which direction interests you most, then find out what qualifications or experience you'd need to get there.

Head to our [Jobs & Careers](#) page to explore more career ideas and find out how your interests and strengths could help to shape your future.

## Subject Selection

### 8 popular university degrees that don't need Advanced Maths

Choosing subjects for your final years of school can feel stressful, particularly when you hear that certain courses “require” Advanced Maths. The good news is that many popular university degrees do not have this requirement, meaning you can select subjects based on their strengths and interests without limiting future options.

Here is a guide to eight degrees that do not generally require Advanced Maths, along with a brief overview of each.

#### **Bachelor of Architectural Design**

Architectural design combines creativity, technical skills, and spatial reasoning. Students learn to conceptualise buildings, produce detailed plans, and consider sustainability and usability in urban spaces. Entry focuses on design aptitude and communication skills.

You can pursue this degree at [The University of Queensland](#).

#### **Bachelor of Secondary Education**

This degree prepares students to teach and support learners across a range of subjects. Students develop lesson planning, classroom management, and communication skills. Specific teaching areas may have their own subject requirements, but the emphasis is on communication, understanding student needs, and practical classroom experience.

You can pursue this degree at [The University of Canberra](#).

#### **Bachelor of Commerce**

Commerce provides a foundation in business, management, marketing, and economics. Students develop analytical thinking, strategic planning, and communication skills. Some majors may recommend basic maths or statistics for preparation, but the course primarily focuses on understanding business operations, financial decision-making, and teamwork.

You can pursue this degree at [The University of Western Australia](#).

#### **Bachelor of Paramedicine**

Paramedicine equips students to work in emergency healthcare and clinical environments. The degree focuses on human anatomy, physiology, first aid, and patient care. Practical experience through clinical placements is a major component, helping students develop decision-making, problem-solving, and stress-management skills essential for frontline health work.

You can pursue this degree at [Monash University](#).

#### **Bachelor of City Planning**

City planning is about designing sustainable, functional communities. Students study urban design, geography, environmental sustainability, and policy. Coursework develops skills in research, data interpretation, and project management, preparing graduates to work in government, consultancy, or urban development.

You can pursue this degree at [The University of New South Wales](#).

#### **Bachelor of Accounting**

Accounting covers financial reporting, auditing, and business operations. Students learn to analyse financial data, apply accounting standards, and make informed business decisions. While some familiarity with basic maths may be useful, the degree focuses on developing analytical, organisational, and professional skills that support practical work in business and finance.

You can pursue this degree at [Charles Darwin University](#).

### **Bachelor of Biomedicine**

Biomedicine explores human biology, health, and medical research. Students gain laboratory experience, study disease mechanisms, and learn research methods. Entry usually focuses on science subjects and an interest in biological systems rather than advanced mathematics, with practical lab work and critical analysis forming a core part of the course.

You can pursue this degree at [The University of Tasmania](#)

### **Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice**

This degree focuses on the justice system, crime prevention, and social policy. Students examine human behaviour, law enforcement practices, and research methods. The course develops analytical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills, preparing graduates for careers in law enforcement, policy, or social research.

You can pursue this degree at [Adelaide University](#).

### **Maths recommendations**

Even if Advanced Maths isn't required, some degrees may assume a level of numeracy or familiarity with statistics - but these skills can often be developed during the degree or by taking a bridging course. The main point is that you don't necessarily need to take Advanced Maths to gain entry into many popular degrees, particularly in areas such as health, business, social sciences, and design.

We also have plenty of other information and guidance about [subject selection](#) and [pathways to study](#) if you're still curious.

## **Where biology can take you**

At school, biology is about much more than memorising diagrams of cells or labelling parts of the human body. It is the study of life in all its forms, from microscopic organisms to complex ecosystems. It helps you understand how living things grow, adapt, survive, and interact with the world around them.

If you're curious about how your body works, how diseases spread, how plants grow, or why environmental changes affect wildlife, biology gives you the tools to explore those questions properly. It is a subject grounded in evidence, observation, and careful investigation. And for students who enjoy asking how and why, it can open the door to a wide range of meaningful career pathways.

### **The skills you build studying biology**

One of the biggest advantages of studying biology is the broad set of transferable skills you develop along the way.

#### **Scientific investigation**

Biology teaches you how to plan experiments, test ideas, and draw conclusions based on evidence. You learn how to control variables, measure results accurately, and evaluate whether your findings are reliable. This structured approach to solving problems is useful in many careers that require logical thinking and careful judgement.

#### **Analytical thinking**

Living systems are complex. Whether you are studying genetics, ecosystems, or human physiology, you must interpret information, identify patterns, and understand the relationships between different processes. Over time, you become more confident working with data and

making sense of detailed information.

### **Ethical awareness**

Modern biology raises important questions about healthcare, genetic technology, and environmental responsibility. Discussing these topics helps you consider consequences, weigh evidence, and understand different viewpoints.

### **Communication**

From writing lab reports to explaining complex processes in class, biology strengthens your ability to communicate technical information clearly. Being able to explain complicated ideas in a structured way is a skill employers consistently value.

### **Biology in a changing world**

Biology plays a central role in many of today's global challenges and developments.

- Public health relies on biological research to understand disease and develop treatments. Scientists use their knowledge of cells, viruses, and immune responses to design vaccines and medicines that protect communities.
- Environmental change also depends on biological understanding. As habitats shift and species face new pressures, conservation scientists and ecologists monitor populations, study ecosystems, and develop strategies to protect biodiversity.
- Food production is closely linked to biological science. Researchers study plant genetics, soil health, and pest resistance to improve crop yields and maintain stable food supplies.
- Advances in biotechnology and genetics are transforming medicine and industry. Personalised treatments based on genetic information are becoming more common, and biological research continues to shape new medical and technological innovations.

Biology is not a subject that stands still. It evolves as new discoveries are made and as society faces new questions.

### **Careers directly related to biology**

Some career pathways build directly on what you study in biology. If you enjoy the scientific and practical aspects of the subject, there are careers where biology is central to the role.

### **Healthcare**

Biology forms the foundation for many healthcare professions. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, Physiotherapists, and biomedical scientists rely on a strong understanding of human anatomy, physiology, and disease processes to support patients and guide treatment decisions.

### **Laboratory and Research**

If you are interested in investigation and discovery, laboratory based careers may appeal to you. Microbiologists study bacteria and viruses. Geneticists explore how traits are inherited and how genes influence health. Biotechnologists work with living systems to develop new products and technologies. Forensic scientists apply biological techniques to analyse evidence in criminal cases.

### **Environmental science**

Careers in environmental science focus on living systems in the natural world. Marine biologists study ocean life, ecologists examine interactions between species, and conservation scientists develop strategies to protect threatened habitats and wildlife.

### **Where could it take you?**

Biology helps you understand the living world with clarity and evidence. It builds habits of careful thinking and responsibility that are valuable in many professional settings.

Whether you choose to work directly in healthcare, research, environmental science, industry, or policy, biology can be the starting point. If you are motivated by understanding life and contributing to informed solutions, studying biology could be a strong and flexible foundation for your future.

Ready to discover more about study and career options? [Explore other comprehensive guides and resources on our website here.](#)

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